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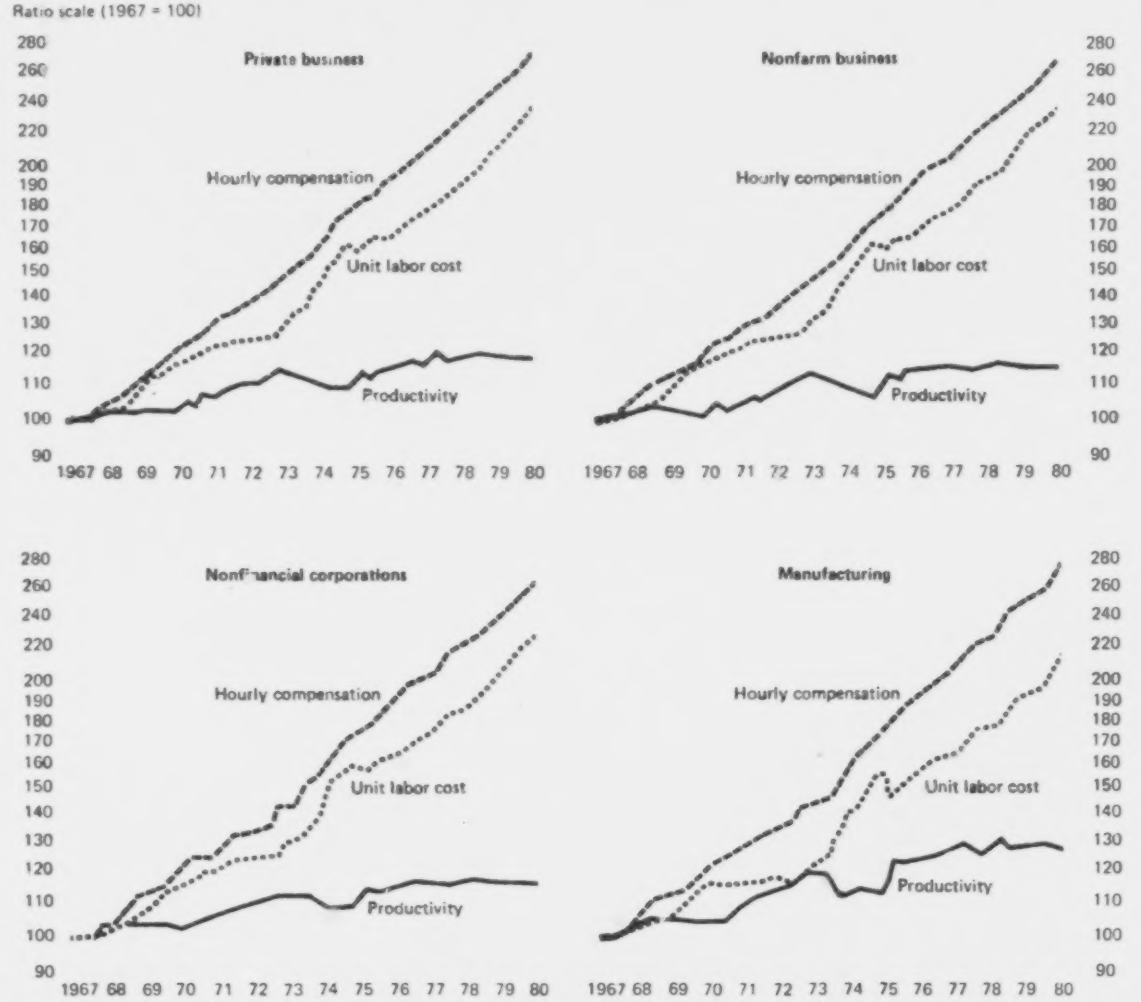

1/ Source of data: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, as presented in Monthly Labor Review, December 1980.

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ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA 1/

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence)

December 1980

	Preliminary	Revised		Change From:	
	Dec 1980	Nov 1980	Dec 1979	Nov 1980	Dec 1979
NEBRASKA					
Civilian labor force	763,950	768,650	767,850	-4,700	-3,900
Employment	727,500	736,000	736,300	-8,500	-8,800
Unemployment	36,450	32,650	31,550	3,800	4,900
Unemployment rate 2/	4.8	4.2	4.1	xxx	xxx
OMAHA SMSA 3/					
Civilian labor force	279,800	278,400	284,050	1,400	-4,250
Employment	264,100	263,700	270,300	400	-6,200
Unemployment	15,700	14,700	13,750	1,000	1,950
Unemployment rate 2/	5.6	5.3	4.8	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA 4/					
Civilian labor force	110,650	110,400	112,400	250	-1,750
Employment	106,200	106,650	108,400	- 450	-2,200
Unemployment	4,450	3,750	4,000	700	450
Unemployment rate 2/	4.0	3.4	3.3	xxx	xxx

1/ Estimates are based on the March 1980 benchmark, and all months are comparable. Totals are rounded to the nearest 50 and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.

2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.

3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 238,950 is included in the Nebraska total, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 40,850 is excluded from the Nebraska total.

4/ Defined as Lancaster County.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment increased by 3,800 from November 1980 to December 1980, reaching a new total of 36,450. The December 1980 total was 4,900 more than in December 1979. The unemployment rate increased from 4.2 percent in November 1980 to 4.8 percent in December 1980, and compared to 4.1 percent in December 1980.

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA increased by 1,000 from November 1980 to December 1980, and also increased by 1,950 from December 1979. The unemployment rate increased from 5.3 percent in November 1980 to 5.6 percent in December 1980, and compared to 4.8 percent in December 1979.

Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA increased by 700 from November 1980 to December 1980, and also increased by 450 from December 1979. The unemployment rate increased from 3.4 percent in November 1980 to 4.0 percent in December 1980, and compared to 3.3 percent in December 1979.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to decrease by 8,000 from December 1980 to January 1981, reaching a new total of 755,950. The unemployment segment is projected as 41,500, while the employment segment is projected as 714,450.

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA [1]

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	Dec 1980 [2]	Nov 1980 [3]	Dec 1979 [3]	Change From Nov 1980	Change From Dec 1979	Percent Change From Dec 1979
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY	632,401	633,008	641,303	-607	-8,902	- 1.4
MANUFACTURING	95,969	95,977	100,469	- 8	-4,500	- 4.5
Durable goods	48,258	48,266	52,627	- 8	-4,369	- 8.3
Construction material	4,808	4,926	5,143	-118	- 335	- 6.5
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,328	2,333	2,257	- 5	71	3.1
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	2,480	2,593	2,886	-113	- 406	-14.1
Furniture & fixtures	1,639	1,684	1,811	- 45	- 172	- 9.5
Metals	8,828	8,881	9,644	- 53	- 816	- 8.5
Primary metal industries	1,802	1,845	1,948	- 43	- 146	- 7.5
Fabricated metal prod., except mach. & trans. equipment	7,026	7,036	7,696	- 10	- 670	- 8.7
Machinery except electrical	12,626	12,584	13,733	42	-1,107	- 8.1
Farm machinery & equipment	7,425	7,399	8,118	- 26	- 693	- 8.5
Electrical & electronic machinery, equip. & supplies	9,650	9,657	10,917	- 7	-1,267	-11.6
Transportation equipment	5,053	4,980	5,866	73	- 813	-13.9
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	2,382	2,328	3,132	54	- 750	-23.9
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,654	5,554	5,513	100	141	2.6
Nondurable goods	47,711	47,711	47,842	0	- 131	- 0.3
Food & kindred products	27,988	28,253	28,144	-265	- 156	- 0.6
Meat products	13,845	13,719	13,969	126	- 124	- 0.9
Dairy products	1,849	1,860	1,853	- 11	- 4	- 0.2
Grain mill	4,638	4,649	4,612	- 11	26	0.6
Other food prod., (including canned & preserved prod.; bakery prod.; sugar & confect. prod.; beverages; etc.)	7,656	8,025	7,710	-369	- 54	- 0.7
Textile products & apparel	2,442	2,411	2,379	31	63	2.6
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,801	7,684	7,631	117	170	2.2
Chemicals & allied products	2,637	2,625	2,529	12	108	4.3
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	6,843	6,738	7,159	105	- 316	- 4.4
NONMANUFACTURING	536,432	537,031	540,834	-599	-4,402	- 0.8
MINING	1,521	1,614	1,707	- 93	- 186	-10.9
CONSTRUCTION	28,302	29,910	30,465	-1,608	-2,163	- 7.1
Building const. - gen. cont. & operative bldrs.	8,282	8,695	9,297	-413	-1,015	-10.9
Construction other than bldg. const. - gen. contractors	5,393	6,159	5,398	-766	- 5	- 0.1
Construction - special trade contractors	14,627	15,056	15,770	-429	-1,143	- 7.2
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND UTILITIES	47,511	47,931	48,088	-379	- 577	- 1.2
Railroad transportation	15,866	16,374	16,164	-508	- 298	- 1.8
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transp. & warehousing; etc.)	14,806	14,760	15,224	46	- 418	- 2.7
Communication & electric, gas & sanitary services	16,839	16,797	16,700	42	139	0.8

TRADE	165,631	163,999	169,202	1,632	-3,571	- 2.1
Wholesale	48,486	48,512	49,074	- 26	- 588	- 1.2
Durable goods	24,564	24,555	25,228	9	- 664	- 2.6
Nondurable goods	23,922	23,957	23,846	- 35	76	0.3
Retail	117,145	115,487	120,128	1,658	-2,983	- 2.5
Bldg. mat., hardware, garden supply & mobile home dealers	7,080	6,914	6,131	166	949	15.5
General merchandise stores	16,592	15,674	18,554	918	-1,962	-10.6
Food stores	15,816	15,766	16,178	50	- 362	- 2.2
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	15,785	15,866	16,113	- 81	- 328	- 2.0
Apparel & accessory stores	6,870	6,495	7,333	375	- 463	- 6.3
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,149	4,080	4,314	69	- 165	- 3.8
Eating & drinking places	37,944	38,211	38,731	- 267	- 787	- 2.0
Miscellaneous retail	12,909	12,481	12,774	428	135	1.1
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,851	3,704	3,728	147	123	3.3
Other miscell. retail (including liquor stores; sporting good stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	9,058	8,777	9,046	281	12	0.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	43,457	43,360	41,499	97	1,958	4.7
Banking	10,744	10,673	10,489	71	255	2.4
Insurance	20,691	20,681	20,136	10	555	2.8
Real estate	4,411	4,471	4,537	- 60	- 126	- 2.8
Other finance, ins. & real estate (includ. credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exch. & svcs.; etc.)	7,611	7,535	6,337	76	1,274	20.1
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	117,109	117,522	115,983	- 413	1,126	1.0
Hotels, rooming houses, camps & other lodging places	6,769	6,879	6,701	- 110	68	1.0
Personal services	6,345	6,249	6,053	97	292	4.8
Business services	16,899	17,018	17,736	- 119	- 837	- 4.7
Automotive repair, services, & garages	3,788	3,796	3,830	- 8	- 42	- 1.1
Amusement & recreation	5,886	5,922	5,450	- 36	436	8.0
Health services	42,772	42,693	40,434	79	2,338	5.8
Educational services	7,662	7,782	9,375	- 120	-1,713	-18.3
Social services	6,067	6,183	6,320	- 116	- 253	- 4.0
Membership services	8,929	8,841	8,898	88	31	0.3
Other services (including legal & other profess. services; misc. repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	11,992	12,159	11,186	- 167	806	7.2
GOVERNMENT	132,901	132,695	133,890	206	- 989	- 0.7
Federal	16,000	15,936	15,886	64	114	0.7
State	33,638	33,059	34,143	579	- 505	- 1.5
Local	83,263	83,700	83,861	- 437	- 598	- 0.7

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program. Estimates are based on the March 1980 benchmark, and all months are comparable.
2/ Preliminary estimate.
3/ Revised.

DECEMBER 1980 IN REVIEW. . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries decreased by 607 from November 1980 to December 1980. This included a very slight drop of eight in manufacturing, along with a drop of 599 in nonmanufacturing.

The small dip in manufacturing occurred entirely in durable goods, as nondurable goods employment held steady from the previous month.

Month-to-month increases occurred in trade (1,632), government (206), and finance-insurance-real estate (97). The increase in trade included a seasonal gain of 1,658 in retail trade, along with a very small reduction of 26 in wholesale trade. Over one-half of the increase in retail trade occurred in general merchandise stores. The primary increase in government occurred in state educational services, reflecting customary seasonal fluctuations of temporary workers.

Month-to-month decreases occurred in construction/mining (-1,701), services (-413), and transportation-communication-utilities (-379).

ANNUAL CHANGES . . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries was 8,902 less in December 1980 that it had been in December 1979. This included a decrease of 4,500 in manufacturing, along with a drop of 4,402 in non-manufacturing.

The reduction of 4,500 in manufacturing employment occurred almost entirely in durable goods (-4,369), with over one-half of that loss in two categories: machinery except electrical (-1,107), and electrical and electronic machinery, equipment and supplies (-1,267). Nondurable goods had a small drop of 131.

Year-to-year increases occurred in finance-insurance-real estate (1,958), and in services (1,126). About two-thirds of the increase in finance-insurance-real estate occurred in other finance, insurance and real estate, particularly in savings and loans employment. The primary gainer in services was health services (2,338).

Year-to-year losses occurred in trade (-3,571), construction/mining (-2,349), government (-989), and transportation-communication-real estate (-577). The decrease of 3,571 in trade included a dip of 588 in wholesale trade, along with a reduction in retail trade employment of 2,983. Almost two-thirds of the loss in retail trade was in the field of general merchandise stores (-1,962).

OUTLOOK. . . . . .

Employment activity in February 1981 is projected to show small seasonal dips in construction/mining and trade. Manufacturing is anticipated to have a slight drop. Employment levels are expected to remain relatively unchanged for transportation-communication-utilities, finance-insurance-real estate, service, government and agriculture.

WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND - APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1]

DECEMBER 1980

		Applicants Available FY to date [2]	Active File	Nonag Job Openings Received FY to date [2]	Unfilled Total	Unfilled 30 days or more	Applicants/ Openings FY to date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End-of-mo.	Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of total
TOTAL [3]		59,833	31,022	14,134	4,576	3,521	4.23	6.78	76.9
0 - 1	Professional, technical and managerial	6,467	3,430	969	1,628	1,411	6.67	2.11	86.7
2	Clerical and sales	14,941	7,146	2,901	1,796	1,401	5.15	3.98	78.0
	Entry codes [4]	2,780	1,200	-----	-----	-----	----	----	----
	20-24 Clerical	9,301	4,516	2,207	1,590	1,254	4.21	2.84	78.9
	25-29 Sales	2,860	1,430	694	206	147	4.12	6.94	71.4
3	Service	9,909	5,266	2,852	459	241	3.47	11.47	52.5
	Entry codes [4]	1,443	668	-----	-----	-----	----	----	----
	30 Domestic	575	313	384	27	16	1.50	11.59	59.3
	31-39 Other	7,891	4,285	2,468	432	225	3.20	9.92	52.1
4	Farm, forestry, fisheries	1,941	645	543	19	12	3.57	33.95	63.2
5	Processing	1,537	874	584	24	4	2.63	36.42	16.7
6	Machine trades	3,138	1,741	446	101	59	7.04	17.24	58.4
7	Bench work	3,082	1,712	410	53	32	7.52	32.30	60.4
8	Structural work	7,185	3,846	1,842	145	76	3.90	26.52	52.4
9	Miscellaneous	8,751	4,824	3,584	119	53	2.44	40.54	44.5
	Entry codes [4]	1,544	786	-----	-----	-----	----	----	----
	90-91 Motor freight transportation	3,139	1,728	1,291	45	11	2.43	38.40	24.4
	92 Packaging, materials handling	3,765	2,144	2,180	47	22	1.73	45.62	46.8
	93-97 Other [5]	303	166	113	27	20	2.68	6.15	74.1

1/ Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).
2/ Period covered: 10-1-80 through 12-31-80. FY 1981 defined as 10-1-80 through 9-30-81.
3/ Total includes occupational codes not assigned.
4/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.
5/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1/]

By Occupation

November 1980

OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	OPENINGS AVAILABLE				OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END			
	NUMBER		AVERAGE PAY		TOTAL		UNFILLED 30 DAYS OR MORE	
	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS	4,042	5,009	$8,856/yr	$8,939/yr	2,154	2,149	1,391	1,262
Professional, technical and managerial	735	778	11,089/yr	11,059/yr	638	571	453	357
Clerical and sales	1,277	1,502	7,854/yr	7,790/yr	885	829	618	578
Service	639	722	3.45/hr	3.46/hr	218	278	137	131
Farming, fishery, forestry and related	46	58	3.94/hr	3.69/hr	10	9	2/	5
Processing	161	253	4.88/hr	4.94/hr	11	15	5	9
Machine trades	184	286	4.83/hr	5.25/hr	89	98	54	47
Bench work	208	212	3.77/hr	3.57/hr	85	84	40	43
Structural work	442	742	4.65/hr	4.70/hr	137	181	60	62
Miscellaneous	350	456	4.56/hr	4.49/hr	81	84	24	30

1/ Source of data: Job Bank data from Nebraska Job Service offices.

2/ Information not available.

NOTE: Data for November 1980 have been included in this issue - in addition to data for December 1980 - in order to preserve the continuity of the series. November 1980 data had not been available in time for inclusion in the previous issue.

JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1/]

By Occupation

December 1980

OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	OPENINGS AVAILABLE				OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END			
	NUMBER		AVERAGE PAY		TOTAL		UNFILLED 30 DAYS OR MORE	
	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS	3,355	4,042	$9,107/yr	$8,856/yr	1,557	2,154	762	1,391
Professional, technical and managerial	691	735	11,248/yr	11,089/yr	528	638	332	453
Clerical and sales	975	1,277	8,116/yr	7,854/yr	520	885	229	618
Service	612	639	3.41/hr	3.45/hr	209	218	79	137
Farming, fishery, forestry and related	40	46	3.90/hr	3.94/hr	10	10	1	2/
Processing	159	161	4.81/hr	3.88/hr	16	11	3	5
Machine trades	159	184	4.93/hr	4.83/hr	80	89	38	54
Bench work	161	208	3.85/hr	3.77/hr	32	85	24	40
Structural work	284	442	4.71/hr	4.65/hr	97	137	38	60
Miscellaneous	274	350	5.26/hr	4.56/hr	65	81	18	24

1/ Source of data: Job Bank data from Nebraska Job Service offices.

2/ Information not available.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING [1]

December 1980

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Dec 1980 [2]	Nov 1980 [3]	Dec 1979 [3]	Dec 1980 [2]	Nov 1980 [3]	Dec 1979 [3]	Dec 1980 [2]	Nov 1980 [3]	Dec 1979 [3]
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$309.87	$314.57	$290.79	40.4	40.8	42.7	$7.67	$7.71	$6.81
Durable goods	301.38	311.88	287.67	40.4	41.2	43.0	7.46	7.57	6.69
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	251.70	272.61	239.17	39.7	42.2	40.4	6.34	6.46	5.92
Primary and fabricated metals	302.19	318.33	287.58	38.3	40.5	41.2	7.89	7.86	6.98
Machinery and transportation equipment	333.18	341.51	313.98	41.7	41.8	44.6	7.99	8.17	7.04
Nondurable goods	317.97	318.33	293.56	40.3	40.5	42.3	7.89	7.86	6.94
Food and kindred products	356.15	352.37	320.66	41.9	41.8	43.1	8.50	8.43	7.44
Meat products	381.61	387.58	349.80	41.3	41.9	43.4	9.24	9.25	8.06
Dairy products	226.13	211.76	190.64	37.5	36.7	35.5	6.03	5.77	5.37
Grain mill products	473.30	450.28	395.77	49.2	47.1	48.8	9.62	9.56	8.11
Bakery products	251.66	264.65	250.11	33.6	35.1	36.3	7.49	7.54	6.89
Other food and kindred products	241.20	237.61	223.18	40.0	39.8	40.8	6.03	5.97	5.47
Printing and publishing	252.65	263.34	265.56	37.1	37.3	41.3	6.81	7.06	6.43
Chemicals and allied products	317.02	319.42	300.83	44.4	44.8	44.9	7.14	7.13	6.70

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

Average weekly earnings in Nebraska manufacturing decreased by $4.70 from November 1980 to December 1980, including a substantial drop of $10.50 in durable goods along with a very slight dip of $.36 in nondurable goods. Year-to-year, average weekly earnings increased by $19.08, including a rise of $13.71 in durable goods and a gain of $24.41 in nondurable goods. Average weekly hours dropped by 0.4 hours, month-to-month, and also decreased by 2.3 hours year-to-year. Average hourly earnings showed a very small drop of $.04 from November 1980 to December 1980, but gained by $.86 from December 1979 to December 1980.

ESTIMATES OF ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

(Per 1,000 Workers)

November 1980

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Nov 2/ 1980	Oct 3/ 1980	Nov 3/ 1979	Nov 2/ 1980	Oct 3/ 1980	Nov 3/ 1979	Nov 2/ 1980	Oct 3/ 1980	Nov 3/ 1979	Nov 2/ 1980	Oct 3/ 1980	Nov 3/ 1979	Nov 2/ 1980	Oct 3/ 1980	Nov 1979
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	25	33	30	19	27	27	24	35	37	11	18	23	8	11	8
Durable goods	21	26	29	14	20	26	23	35	36	9	17	20	9	12	10
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	26	50	38	23	44	35	39	53	68	13	34	31	18	3	33
Furniture and fixtures	14	8	7	12	8	6	22	53	35	15	13	22	4/	30	6
Primary and fabricated metals	28	26	34	12	17	29	25	30	39	7	12	20	16	15	13
Machinery and trans. equipment	15	18	24	9	12	22	17	30	30	6	11	16	5	15	8
Other durable goods	39	51	46	32	46	43	40	48	38	24	40	31	10	4/	4/
Nondurable goods	28	41	31	25	35	27	25	34	39	13	19	27	7	9	6
Food and kindred products	29	46	32	25	41	29	26	41	39	14	23	26	7	11	7
Meat products	34	50	33	29	44	31	23	37	36	17	24	31	1	4	4/
Dairy products	18	8	16	18	8	16	6	13	19	3	10	14	4/	4/	4/
Grain mill products	19	24	24	16	22	20	40	44	44	6	9	13	31	32	28
Bakery products	24	40	32	23	40	27	15	40	34	11	6	27	1	6	1
Other food and kindred products	35	45	49	26	43	41	32	45	49	20	20	36	8	12	5
Textiles and apparel	49	64	35	40	42	32	32	78	41	22	37	33	5	36	4
Paper and allied products	20	35	19	20	31	18	13	26	21	9	22	15	4/	4/	1
Printing and publishing	27	31	30	25	27	28	24	31	41	15	19	30	4	5	3
Chemicals and allied products	11	36	22	10	36	20	24	12	11	5	4	8	15	5	4/
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	26	50	34	23	36	22	24	18	55	8	8	33	10	3	15

1/ Source of data: Labor Turnover Program. NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

2/ Preliminary. 3/ Revised. 4/ Less than one-half.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing dropped from 33 per 1,000 workers in October 1980 to 25 per 1,000 in November 1980. During that period, durable goods manufacturing accession rates dropped from 26 per 1,000 to 21 per 1,000, while nondurable goods decreased from 41 per 1,000 to 28 per 1,000. Year-to-year, accessions decreased from 30 per 1,000 to 25 per 1,000, including a drop in durable goods from 29 per 1,000 to 21 per 1,000, and a decline in nondurable goods from 31 per 1,000 to 28 per 1,000. Separations declined, month-to-month, from 35 per 1,000 to 24 per 1,000, including a drop in durable goods from 35 per 1,000 to 23 per 1,000, and also a decline in nondurable goods from 34 per 1,000 to 25 per 1,000. Year-to-year, separations showed a decrease from 37 per 1,000 to 24 per 1,000, including a decrease in durable goods from 36 per 1,000 to 23 per 1,000, and also a decline in nondurable goods from 39 per 1,000 to 25 per 1,000.

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

December 1980

	Dec 1980	Nov 1980	Dec 1979
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)			
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial claims	11,010	6,256	7,862
Weeks claimed	59,010	36,860	30,487
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI funds	$ 4,475,466	$ 2,743,671	$ 2,282,108
Calendar year to date	$45,867,532	$41,392,066	$24,734,722
Average size of weekly payments	$ 91.28	$ 90.35	$ 90.83
First payments	4,803	2,627	2,908
Exhaustions	1,335	1,032	678
Individuals who drew benefits	15,831	11,301	8,983
Rate of insured unemployment	2.0	1.5	1.3
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE funds	$ 98,231	$ 83,179	$ 57,787
Average size of weekly payments	$ 70.06	$ 73.92	$ 80.71
First payments	54	50	39
Exhaustions	30	30	20
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX)			
Payments from UCX funds	$ 45,076	$ 28,323	$ 22,979
Average size of weekly payments	$ 92.18	$ 89.35	$ 91.19
First payments	35	30	32
Exhaustions	4	6	2
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	36,684	36,642	37,429
Contributions received	$ 90,705	$ 2,590,591	$ 74,013
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month fund balance	$77,215,833	$81,858,341	$79,884,659

Extended benefits totalled 9,095 weeks for 0.8 million dollars.

UI initial claims received in area claims centers increased from 6,256 in November to 11,010 in December 1980. Weeks claimed increased from 36,860 in November to 59,010 in December 1980.

UI benefit payments increased from 2.7 million in November to 4.5 million in December 1980.

The number of insured unemployed increased from 9,174 in November to 11,657 in December 1980.

The rate of insured unemployment increased from 1.5% in November to 2.0% in December 1980.

The year-to-date contributions stood at 36.9 million compared to 33.4 million one year ago.

The fund balance stood at 77.2 million compared to 79.9 million one year ago.

NEBRASKA

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED 1/

December 1980

	Amount	Percent of Total
SEX:		
Male	8,474	65.3
Female	4,495	34.7
RACE/ETHNIC:		
White	11,673	90.0
All other races	1,296	10.0
AGE:		
Under 22	1,764	13.6
22 - 44	8,024	61.9
45 and over	3,181	24.5
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:		
4 or less	6,763	52.1
5 - 14	4,892	37.7
15 and over	1,314	10.2

	Amount	Percent of Total
OCCUPATION:		
Professional, technical and managerial	1,984	15.3
Clerical and sales	1,989	15.3
Service	1,115	8.6
Farm and related	262	2.0
Processing	477	3.7
Machine trades	875	6.7
Bench work	908	7.0
Structural work	3,318	25.7
Miscellaneous	2,041	15.7
INDUSTRY:		
Construction and mining	2,840	21.9
Manufacturing	3,618	27.9
Durable goods	2,135	16.5
Nondurable goods	1,483	11.4
Transportation, communications and utilities	468	3.6
Trade (wholesale & retail)	2,387	18.4
Finance, insurance and real estate	294	2.3
Services	1,735	13.4
Government	399	3.0
Other	1,228	9.5

1/ Source of data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI Area Claims Centers for a one-week period including the 19th of the month.

The insured claimant count for December 1980 was 12,969.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U.S. CITY AVERAGE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, DECEMBER 1980

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W		
	INDEX 1967=100	Percent Change From 1 Month Ago	Percent Change From 1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	Percent Change From 1 Month Ago	Percent Change From 1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	258.4	0.9	12.4	258.7	0.9	12.5
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	259.3	0.7	10.1	260.5	0.7	10.5
Food	266.4	0.7	10.2	267.6	0.7	10.7
Food at home	263.9	0.7	10.6	263.9	0.7	10.7
Cereals & bakery products	258.5	1.1	11.6	259.5	1.1	11.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	255.7	0.3	8.6	255.0	0.3	8.5
Dairy products	238.0	1.1	9.7	238.8	1.2	9.8
Fruits and vegetables	255.6	0.9	11.0	253.9	1.0	11.2
Other foods at home	317.1	0.7	12.8	317.8	0.7	13.5
Food away from home	277.7	0.9	9.6	281.8	0.8	10.5
Alcoholic beverages	191.6	0.4	7.6	193.7	0.5	8.4
HOUSING	276.9	1.1	13.7	277.1	1.2	13.8
Shelter	298.5	1.3	15.1	300.4	1.3	15.4
Rent (residential)	199.6	0.7	9.1	199.4	0.7	9.1
Other rental costs	267.7	-0.2	9.3	267.3	-0.4	9.4
Homeownership	334.2	1.5	16.5	337.5	1.6	16.9
Fuel and other utilities	289.9	1.5	13.6	290.7	1.5	13.7
Fuels	364.7	1.7	17.0	364.5	1.8	16.9
Fuel oil, coal, & bottled gas	585.3	3.2	19.9	587.0	3.3	20.0
Gas (piped) & electricity	313.9	1.1	15.9	313.4	1.2	15.8
Household furnishings & operation	211.6	0.3	8.1	209.0	0.4	7.8
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	183.9	-0.5	6.8	182.9	-0.2	6.7
Men's & boys' apparel	174.3	-0.3	5.4	174.4	-0.2	5.7
Women's & girls' apparel	157.4	-1.6	1.8	158.2	-1.1	3.1
Footwear	196.6	0.1	6.7	196.7	0.2	7.0
TRANSPORTATION	261.1	0.8	14.7	261.9	0.8	14.7
Private transportation	259.4	0.8	14.0	260.8	0.9	14.3
Public transportation	280.1	1.1	25.6	271.8	1.0	24.1
MEDICAL CARE	275.8	0.5	10.0	277.6	0.5	10.3
Medical care services	297.9	0.4	10.0	300.0	0.4	10.4
ENTERTAINMENT	212.0	0.4	9.6	210.1	0.1	9.3
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	224.6	0.8	10.1	223.0	0.9	9.9
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	300.5			300.9		

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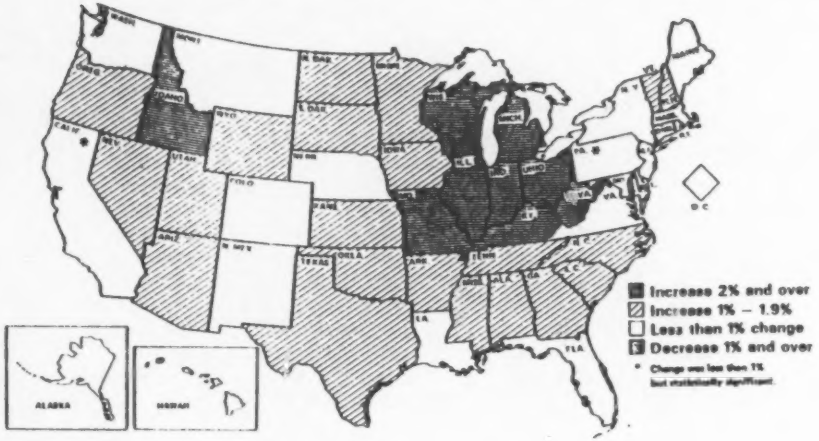
NEBRASKA Work Trends

January 1981

1. Changes in Unemployment Rate 1980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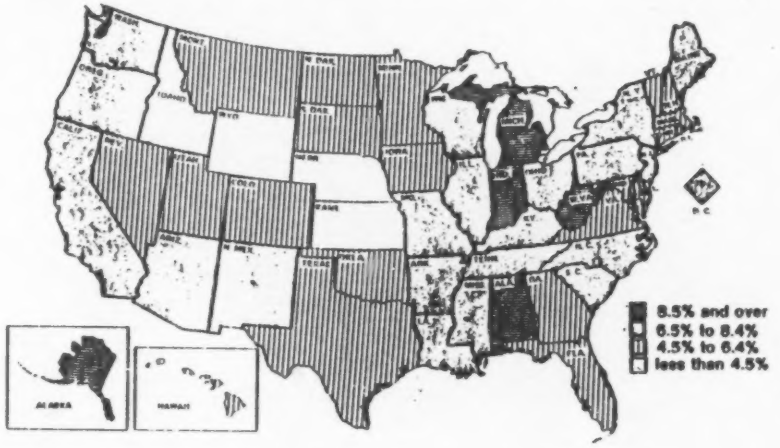
2. Unemployment Rates by State, 1980 Annual Average



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ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA 1/

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence)

January 1981

	Preliminary Jan 1981	Revised Dec 1980	Revised Jan 1980	Change From: Dec 1980	Change From: Jan 1980
NEBRASKA					
Civilian labor force	754,300	765,700	752,400	-11,400	1,900
Employment	715,800	729,050	719,450	-13,250	-3,650
Unemployment	38,500	36,650	32,950	1,850	5,550
Unemployment rate 2/	5.1	4.8	4.4	xxx	xxx
OMAHA SMSA 3/					
Civilian labor force	277,350	280,750	280,350	- 3,400	-3,000
Employment	261,100	265,200	265,600	- 4,100	-4,500
Unemployment	16,250	15,550	14,750	700	1,500
Unemployment rate 2/	5.9	5.5	5.3	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA 4/					
Civilian labor force	110,550	111,050	108,350	- 500	2,150
Employment	105,750	106,500	104,350	- 750	1,350
Unemployment	4,800	4,550	4,000	250	800
Unemployment rate 2/	4.3	4.1	3.7	xxx	xxx

1/ Estimates are based on the March 1980 benchmark, and all months are comparable. Totals are rounded to the nearest 50 and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.

2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.

3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 236,750 is included in the Nebraska total, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 40,600, is excluded from the Nebraska total.

4/ Defined as Lancaster County.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment increased by 1,850 from December 1980 to January 1981, reaching a new total of 38,500. The January 1981 total was 5,550 more than in January 1980. The unemployment rate moved upward from 4.8 percent in December 1980 to 5.1 percent in January 1981, and compared to 4.4 percent in January 1980.

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA increased by 700 from December 1980 to January 1981, and also increased by 1,500 from January 1980 to January 1981. The unemployment rate increased from 5.5 percent in December 1980 to 5.9 percent in January 1981, and compared to 5.3 percent in January 1980.

The number of unemployed in the Lincoln SMSA increased by 250 from December 1980 to January 1981, and also increased by 800 from January 1980 to January 1981. The unemployment rate increased from 4.1 percent in December 1980 to 4.3 percent in January 1981, and compared to 3.7 percent in January 1980.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to increase by 2,100 from January 1981 to February 1981, reaching a new total of 756,400. The unemployment segment is projected at 38,500, while the employment segment is projected at 717,900.

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA [1]

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	Jan 1981 [2]	Dec 1980 [3]	Jan 1980 [3]	Change From: Dec 1980	Change From: Jan 1980	Percent Change From Jan 1980
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY	619,537	633,952	623,160	-14,415	-3,623	- 0.6
MANUFACTURING	95,655	96,023	100,065	- 368	-4,410	- 4.4
Durable goods	48,267	48,362	52,255	- 95	-3,988	- 7.6
Construction material	4,725	4,812	4,739	- 87	- 14	- 0.3
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,299	2,327	2,119	- 28	180	8.5
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	2,426	2,485	2,620	- 59	- 194	- 7.4
Furniture & fixtures	1,653	1,670	1,795	- 17	- 142	- 7.9
Metals	8,981	8,871	9,609	110	- 628	- 6.5
Primary metal industries	1,885	1,853	1,941	32	- 56	- 2.9
Fabricated metal prod., except mach. & trans. equip.	7,096	7,018	7,668	78	- 572	- 7.5
Machinery except electrical	12,937	12,671	13,618	266	- 681	- 5.0
Farm machinery & equipment	7,406	7,399	8,117	7	- 711	- 8.8
Electrical & electronic machinery, equip. & supplies	9,506	9,726	10,999	- 220	-1,493	-13.6
Transportation equipment	4,915	4,995	5,900	- 80	- 985	-16.7
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	2,390	2,382	3,128	8	- 738	-23.6
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,550	5,617	5,595	- 67	- 45	- 0.8
Nondurable goods	47,388	47,661	47,810	- 273	- 422	- 0.9
Food & kindred products	27,678	27,979	28,141	- 301	- 463	- 1.6
Meat products	13,780	13,836	14,027	- 56	- 247	- 1.8
Dairy products	1,839	1,877	1,852	- 38	- 13	- 0.7
Grain mill	4,585	4,633	4,644	- 48	- 59	- 1.3
Other food prod. (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	7,474	7,633	7,618	- 159	- 144	- 1.9
Textile products & apparel	2,476	2,442	2,351	34	125	5.3
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,709	7,808	7,651	- 99	58	0.8
Chemicals & allied products	2,567	2,616	2,522	- 49	45	1.8
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	6,958	6,816	7,145	142	- 187	- 2.6
NONMANUFACTURING	523,882	537,929	523,095	-14,047	787	0.2
MINING	1,437	1,571	1,558	- 134	- 121	- 7.8
CONSTRUCTION	25,674	28,411	26,466	- 2,737	- 792	- 3.0
Building const. - general contractors & operative builders	7,498	8,348	7,975	- 850	- 477	- 6.0
Construction other than building construction - general contractors	4,414	5,547	4,358	- 1,133	56	1.3
Construction - special trade contractors	13,762	14,516	14,133	- 754	- 371	- 2.6
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND UTILITIES	46,805	47,550	46,859	- 745	- 54	- 0.1
Railroad transportation	15,745	16,099	15,847	- 354	- 102	- 0.6
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	14,432	14,675	14,358	- 243	74	0.5
Communication & electric, gas & sanitary services	16,628	16,776	16,654	- 148	- 26	- 0.2

TRADE	160,553	165,606	162,820	- 5,053	-2,267	- 1.4
Wholesale	48,683	48,496	48,602	187	81	0.4
Durable goods	24,541	24,547	24,949	- 6	- 408	- 1.6
Nondurable goods	24,142	23,949	23,653	193	489	2.1
Retail	111,870	117,110	114,218	- 5,240	-2,348	- 2.1
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	6,574	6,971	5,810	- 397	764	13.1
General merchandise stores	14 754	16,435	16,477	- 1,681	-1,723	-10.5
Food stores	15,722	15,901	16,222	- 179	- 500	- 3.1
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	15,552	15,793	15,855	- 241	- 303	- 1.9
Apparel & accessory stores	6,470	6,916	6,786	- 446	- 316	- 4.7
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,182	4,132	4,164	50	18	0.4
Eating & drinking places	36,426	37,944	36,599	- 1,518	- 173	- 0.5
Miscellaneous retail	12,190	13,018	12,305	- 828	- 115	- 0.9
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,726	3,897	3,664	- 171	62	1.7
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewlry; florists; etc.)	8,464	9,121	8,641	- 657	- 177	- 2.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	42,812	42,670	44,395	142	1,417	3.4
Banking	10,809	10,751	10,515	58	294	2.8
Insurance	20,696	20,689	20,156	7	540	2.7
Real estate	4,417	4,427	4,368	- 10	49	1.1
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	6,890	6,803	6,356	87	534	8.4
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	116,909	118,734	114,056	- 1,825	2,853	2.5
Hotels, rooming houses, camps & other lodging places	6,604	6,780	6,466	- 176	138	2.1
Personal services	6,346	6,307	6,255	39	91	1.5
Business services	16,787	16,959	16,443	- 172	344	2.1
Automotive repair, services, & garages	3,844	3,783	3,850	61	- 6	- 0.2
Amusement & recreation	5,379	5,859	4,948	- 480	431	8.7
Health services	43,143	42,960	40,928	183	2,215	20.3
Educational services	8,083	9,021	8,901	- 938	- 818	9.2
Social services	6,115	6,180	6,348	- 65	- 233	- 3.7
Membership services	8,661	8,929	8,840	- 268	- 179	- 2.0
Other services (including legal & professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	11,947	11,956	11,077	- 9	870	7.9
GOVERNMENT	129,692	133,387	129,941	- 3,695	- 249	- 0.2
Federal	15,854	16,004	16,101	- 150	- 247	- 1.5
State	30,836	33,638	30,832	- 2,802	4	4/
Local	83,002	83,745	83,008	- 743	- 6	- 4/

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program. Estimates are based on the March 1980 benchmark, and all months are comparable.
2/ Preliminary estimate.
3/ Revised.
4/ Less than one half of one percent.

JANUARY 1981 IN REVIEW . . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries decreased by 14,415 from December 1980 to January 1981. This included a small dip of 368 in manufacturing, along with a decrease of 14,047 in non-manufacturing.

The slight decrease of 368 in manufacturing consisted of a drop of 95 in durable goods and a dip of 273 in nondurable goods.

Month-to-month increases occurred only in finance-insurance-real estate, with a rise of 142. Month-to-month decreases occurred in all other major industry groups, including trade (-5,053), government (-3,695), construction/mining (-2,781), services (-1,825), and transportation-communication-utilities (-745). The decrease of 5,053 in trade included a small gain of 187 in wholesale trade that was far more than counter-balanced by a drop of 5,240 in retail trade. About three-fifths of the decrease in retail trade occurred in two fields: general merchandist stores (-1,681), and eating and drinking places (-1,518). Three-fourths of the decrease in government occurred in state government, with the majority of that representing customary seasonal reductions in temporary employees in educational services. Approximately one-half of the decline in services occurred in educational services, also a typically seasonal occurrence.

ANNUAL CHANGES. . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries decreased by 3,623 from January 1980 to January 1981. This included a reduction of 4,410 in manufacturing that was not offset by a moderate gain of 787 in non-manufacturing.

The decrease of 4,410 in manufacturing included a drop of 3,988 in durable goods and a decrease of 422 in nondurable goods. Over three-fifths of the decrease in durable goods occurred in two categories: electrical and electronic machinery, equipment and supplies (-1,493), and in transportation equipment (-985). The primary loss in nondurable goods occurred in food products (-463).

Year-to-year increases occurred in finance-insurance-real estate (1,417) and in services (2,853). The major gains in finance-insurance-real estate were in the insurance and the savings and loan fields. Health services continued to be the major upward thrust in employment expansion for the service industry as a whole.

Year-to-year decreases occurred in trade (-2,267), construction/mining (-913), transportation-communication-utilities (-371), and government (-249). The decrease of 2,267 in trade included a very small increase of 81 in wholesale trade mixed with a substantial decline of 2,348 in retail trade. The major loss in retail trade was in general merchandise stores (-1,723).

OUTLOOK . . . . . .

Employment activities in March 1981 are projected to show small, seasonal increases in construction/mining, trade, service and government. Agriculture is expected to have substantial employment gains, following customary seasonal trends. It is anticipated that manufacturing employment will drop slightly. Employment levels are expected to remain relatively unchanged for transportation-communication-utilities and finance-insurance-real estate.

WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND

APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1]

January 1981

		Applicants Available FY to date [2]	Active File	Nonag Job Openings			Applicants/ Openings FY to date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End-Of-mo.	Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of total
				Received FY to date [2]	Unfilled				
					Total	30 days or more			
TOTAL [3]		68,449	32,206	17,834	4,646	3,492	3.84	6.93	75.2
0 - 1	Professional, technical and managerial	7,473	3,628	1,283	1,607	1,415	5.82	2.26	88.1
2	Clerical and sales	17,304	7,522	3,972	1,961	1,409	4.36	3.84	71.9
	Entry codes [4]	3,200	1,264	---	---	---	----	----	----
	20-24 Clerical	10,738	4,712	3,074	1,765	1,301	3.49	2.67	73.7
	25-29 Sales	3,366	1,546	898	196	108	3.75	7.89	55.1
3	Service	11,320	5,479	3,536	390	218	3.20	14.05	55.9
	Entry codes [4]	1,641	688	---	---	---	----	----	----
	30 Domestic	648	320	458	23	12	1.41	13.91	52.2
	31-39 Other	9,031	4,471	3,078	367	206	2.93	12.18	56.1
4	Farm, forestry, fisheries	2,132	631	581	17	12	3.67	37.12	70.6
5	Processing	1,742	824	838	38	6	2.08	21.68	15.8
6	Machine trades	3,572	1,811	582	97	47	6.14	18.67	48.5
7	Bench work	3,480	1,732	548	71	19	6.37	24.39	26.8
8	Structural work	8,290	4,111	2,128	110	68	3.90	37.37	61.8
9	Miscellaneous	10,013	5,012	4,362	123	67	2.30	40.75	54.5
	Entry codes [4]	1,755	783	---	---	---	----	----	----
	90-91 Motor freight, transportation	3,664	1,914	1,608	67	34	2.28	28.57	50.7
	92 Packaging, materials handling	4,250	2,150	1,617	36	23	2.63	59.72	63.9
	93-97 Other [5]	344	165	137	20	10	2.51	8.25	50.0

1/ Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).
2/ Period covered: 10-1-80 through 1-31-81. FY 1981 defined as 10-1-80 through 9-30-81.
3/ Total includes occupational codes not assigned.
4/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.
5/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1/]

By Occupation

January 1981

OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	OPENINGS AVAILABLE				OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END			
	NUMBER		AVERAGE PAY		TOTAL		UNFILLED 30 DAYS OR MORE	
	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS	3,137	3,355	$ 9,189/yr	$ 9,107/yr	1,702	1,557	711	762
Professional, technical, and managerial	623	691	11,643/yr	11,248/yr	480	528	307	332
Clerical and sales	1,110	975	8,239/yr	8,116/yr	706	520	228	229
Service	473	612	3.72/hr	3.41/hr	201	209	85	79
Farming, fishery, forestry, and related	37	40	3.91/hr	3.90/hr	10	10	3	1
Processing	183	159	4.85/hr	4.81/hr	35	16	3	3
Machine trades	154	159	5.14/hr	4.93/hr	77	80	27	38
Bench work	135	161	3.91/hr	3.85/hr	67	32	9	24
Structural work	232	284	4.89/hr	4.71/hr	68	97	32	38
Miscellaneous	190	274	4.21/hr	5.26/hr	58	65	17	18

1/ Source of data: Job Bank data from Nebraska Job Service offices.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING [1]

January 1981

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jan 1981 [2]	Dec 1980 [3]	Jan 1980 [3]	Jan 1981 [2]	Dec 1980 [3]	Jan 1980 [3]	Jan 1981 [2]	Dec 1980 [3]	Jan 1980 [3]
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$319.06	$311.89	$289.95	40.8	40.4	41.6	$7.82	$7.72	$6.97
Durable goods	316.06	306.68	283.40	41.1	40.3	41.8	7.69	7.61	6.78
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	254.56	261.06	229.63	39.9	40.6	38.4	6.38	6.43	5.98
Primary and fabricated metals	314.74	315.19	288.05	40.3	40.1	40.4	7.81	7.86	7.13
Machinery and transportation equipment	348.99	334.96	307.27	42.2	40.7	43.4	8.27	8.23	7.08
Nondurable goods	322.77	316.33	297.25	40.6	40.4	41.4	7.95	7.83	7.18
Food and kindred products	363.79	352.80	320.88	42.4	42.0	42.0	8.58	8.40	7.64
Meat products	398.98	381.63	349.85	42.4	41.8	42.1	9.41	9.13	8.31
Dairy products	218.27	223.34	197.81	36.5	37.6	35.9	5.98	5.94	5.51
Grain mill products	465.01	455.93	395.84	49.0	48.4	46.9	9.49	9.42	8.44
Bakery products	254.73	251.66	231.54	34.1	33.6	34.0	7.47	7.49	6.81
Other food and kindred products	239.99	240.60	227.40	40.2	39.9	40.9	5.97	6.03	5.56
Printing and publishing	240.10	259.98	264.80	35.0	37.3	39.7	6.86	6.97	6.67
Chemicals and allied products	327.65	307.30	300.83	44.7	43.9	44.9	7.33	7.00	6.70

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.

Average weekly earnings in Nebraska manufacturing increased by $7.17 from December 1980 to January 1981. This included a gain of $9.38 in durable goods and a rise of $6.44 in nondurable goods. On a year-to-year basis, average weekly earnings increased by $29.11, with durable goods increasing by $32.66 and nondurable goods increasing by $25.52.

Average weekly hours increased by 0.4 hours month-to-month, but dropped by 0.8 hours year-to-year. Average hourly earnings increased by $.10 from December 1980 to January 1981, and also gained by $.85 from January 1980 to January 1981.

ESTIMATES OF ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING [1]

(Per 1,000 workers)

December 1980

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Dec 1980 [2]	Nov 1980 [3]	Dec 1979 [3]	Dec 1980 [2]	Nov 1980 [3]	Dec 1979 [3]	Dec 1980 [2]	Nov 1980 [3]	Dec 1979 [3]	Dec 1980 [2]	Nov 1980 [3]	Dec 1979 [3]	Dec 1980 [2]	Nov 1980 [3]	Dec 1979 [3]
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	20	25	21	16	19	18	23	24	28	10	11	17	7	8	6
Durable goods	19	22	18	14	14	15	22	23	25	9	10	13	8	8	6
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	23	26	31	22	23	13	43	39	69	16	13	25	25	18	40
Furniture and fixtures	22	14	11	20	12	11	10	22	17	7	15	14	[4]	[4]	1
Primary and fabricated metals	22	28	11	10	12	9	25	25	22	8	7	11	12	16	5
Machinery and transprotation equipment	14	16	16	11	10	14	16	17	17	5	7	10	6	5	2
Other durable goods	33	39	37	27	32	35	32	40	32	20	24	22	3	10	3
Nondurable goods	20	28	25	18	25	22	24	25	31	12	13	22	6	7	5
Food and kindred products	23	29	24	19	25	22	28	26	34	14	14	25	7	7	4
Meat products	25	34	25	23	29	24	25	23	39	15	17	32	4	1	2
Dairy products	22	18	33	20	18	25	30	6	25	5	3	19	15	[4]	[4]
Grain mill products	14	19	19	12	16	18	19	40	14	7	6	9	3	31	3
Bakery products	24	24	32	13	23	29	33	15	32	17	11	29	[4]	1	[4]
Other food and kindred products	23	35	20	18	26	18	41	32	42	18	20	19	20	8	17
Textiles and apparel	24	49	32	20	40	29	33	32	46	25	22	24	2	5	21
Paper and allied products	22	21	17	20	21	15	10	12	10	7	8	10	[4]	[4]	[4]
Printing and publishing	19	27	32	18	25	28	13	24	28	8	15	23	1	4	[4]
Chemicals and allied products	10	11	16	10	10	16	7	24	13	6	5	9	[4]	15	1
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	14	26	22	11	23	16	31	24	31	12	8	13	14	10	13

[1] Source of data: Labor Turnover Program.
NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

[2] Preliminary.

[3] Revised.

[4] Less than one-half.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing decreased from 25 per 1,000 in November 1980 to December 1980. Durable goods dropped from 22 per 1,000 to 19 per 1,000 month-to-month, and nondurable goods also decreased from 28 per 1,000 to 20 per 1,000 during the same period. Year-to-year accessions had a slight dip from 21 per 1,000 to 20 per 1,000, with durable goods showing a small gain from 18 per 1,000 to 19 per 1,000, and nondurable goods decreasing from 25 per 1,000 to 20 per 1,000. Separation rates dipped from 24 per 1,000 in November 1980 to 23 per 1,000 in December 1980, also showed a decline from 28 per 1,000 in December 1979 to 23 per 1,000 in December 1980. Layoffs dipped month-to-month, from 8 per 1,000 to 7 per 1,000, but increased year-to-year from 6 per 1,000 to 7 per 1,000.

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

January 1981

	Jan 1981	Dec 1980	Jan 1980
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)			
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial claims	9,476	11,010	10,242
Weeks claimed	63,971	59,010	58,975
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI funds	$ 5,160,977	$ 4,475,466	$ 4,738,133
Calendar year to date	$ 5,160,977	$45,867,532	$ 4,738,133
Average size of weekly payments	$ 92.77	$ 91.28	$ 92.94
First payments	6,225	4,803	6,624
Exhaustions	1,324	1,335	939
Individuals who drew benefits	19,458	15,831	16,080
Rate of insured unemployment	2.4	2.0	2.1
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE funds	$ 83,818	$ 98,231	$ 76,426
Average size of weekly payments	$ 73.65	$ 70.06	$ 79.44
First payments	53	54	46
Exhaustions	36	30	27
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMENT (UCX)			
Payments from UCX funds	$ 42,705	$ 45,076	$ 42,221
Average size of weekly payments	$ 92.43	$ 92.18	$ 86.87
First payments	25	35	41
Exhaustions	8	4	2
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	37,346	37,219	38,242
Contributions received	$ 1,855,431	$ 90,705	$ 2,471,023
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month fund balance	$73,855,721	$77,215,833	$79,210,226

Extended benefits totalled 7,721 weeks compensated for 0.7 million dollars.

UI initial claims in area claims centers decreased from 11,010 in December 1980 to 9,476 in January 1981. Weeks claimed increased from 49,030 in December 1980 to 55,630 in January 1981.

UI benefit payments increased from 4.5 million in December 1980 to 5.2 million in January 1981.

The number of insured unemployed increased from 11,657 in December 1980 to 14,456 in January 1981.

The rate of insured unemployed increased from 2.0% in December 1980 to 2.4% in January 1981.

The year-to-date contributions stood at 1.9 million compared to 2.5 million one year ago.

The fund balance stood at 73.9 million compared to 79.2 million one year ago.

NEBRASKA

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED [1/]

January 1981

	Amount	Percent of Total
SEX:		
Male	11,554	69.3
Female	5,114	30.7
RACE/ETHNIC:		
White	15,152	90.0
All other races	1,516	9.1
AGE:		
Under 22	2,339	14.0
22 - 44	10,249	61.5
45 and over	4,080	24.5
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:		
4 or less	8,081	48.5
5 - 14	7,098	42.6
15 and over	1,489	8.9

	Amount	Percent of Total
OCCUPATION:		
Professional, technical and managerial	2,800	16.8
Clerical and sales	2,168	13.0
Service	1,228	7.4
Farm and Related	321	1.9
Processing	590	3.5
Machine Trades	968	5.8
Bench Work	999	6.0
Structural Work	5,013	30.1
Miscellaneous	2,581	15.5
INDUSTRY:		
Construction and mining	4,487	26.9
Manufacturing	4,375	26.3
Durable Goods	2,612	15.7
Nondurable Goods	1,763	10.6
Transportation, communication and utilities	691	4.1
Trade	2,884	17.3
Finance, insurance and real estate	313	1.9
Services	1,934	11.6
Government	388	2.3
Other	1,596	9.6

1/ Source of data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI AREA CLAIMS CENTERS for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for January 1981 was 16,668.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U.S. CITY AVERAGE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, JANUARY 1981

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
		Percent Change From			Percent Change From	
	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	260.5	0.8	11.7	260.7	0.8	11.7
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	261.4	0.8	10.1	262.1	0.6	10.2
Food	268.6	0.8	10.2	269.2	0.6	10.3
Food at home	265.6	0.6	10.4	265.1	0.5	10.4
Cereals & bakery products	262.3	1.7	12.3	263.0	1.3	12.1
Meats, poultry, fish, & eggs	255.1	-0.2	7.2	254.1	-0.4	7.0
Dairy products	240.1	0.9	9.9	240.7	0.8	10.0
Fruits and vegetables	257.6	0.8	12.1	255.1	0.5	12.3
Other foods at home	320.5	1.1	13.1	320.8	0.9	13.5
Food away from home	280.9	1.2	9.7	284.2	0.9	10.2
Alcoholic beverages	193.7	1.1	8.0	195.5	0.9	8.8
HOUSING	279.1	0.8	12.9	279.1	0.7	12.9
Shelter	300.1	0.5	13.7	301.7	0.4	13.8
Rent (residential)	200.9	0.7	9.1	200.6	0.6	9.1
Other rental costs	272.9	2.3	9.1	273.6	2.4	9.0
Homeownership	335.8	0.5	14.5	338.6	0.3	14.9
Fuel and other utilities	296.7	2.3	14.7	297.5	2.3	14.8
Fuels	375.4	2.9	18.1	375.0	2.9	17.9
Fuel oil, coal, & bottled gas	625.9	6.9	21.8	627.9	7.0	21.9
Gas (piped) & electricity	318.5	1.5	16.7	317.7	1.4	16.4
Household furnishings & operation	212.6	0.5	8.0	209.7	0.3	7.6
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	181.1	-1.5	5.9	180.8	-1.1	6.5
Men's & boys' apparel	171.1	-1.8	5.1	171.7	-1.5	5.7
Women's & girls' apparel	152.1	-3.4	0.4	153.9	-2.7	2.7
Footwear	194.9	-0.9	6.1	195.5	-0.6	6.7
TRANSPORTATION	264.7	1.4	13.4	265.7	1.5	13.5
Private transportation	262.9	1.3	12.6	264.4	1.4	12.9
Public transportation	286.4	2.2	26.3	279.0	2.6	25.7
MEDICAL CARE	279.5	1.3	10.1	281.4	1.4	10.4
Medical care services	302.1	1.4	10.1	304.3	1.4	10.4
ENTERTAINMENT	214.4	1.1	9.8	212.2	1.0	9.4
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	226.2	0.7	9.6	224.4	0.6	8.9
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	303.0			303.2		

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